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To COLONEL UDNY HAY¹

West point, Tuesday eveg., June 15, 1779.

Sir: I am very desirous to know, *as soon as possible* what quantity of stores there is on the East side of the River at Fish Kill and in the vicinity.² You will be pleased to furnish me with an estimate of those in your department, the several deposits, and the quantity at each. You will also procure for me in virtue of this letter a like return of those in the Clothier's and Commissary of Military store's departments. I do not want a detail of particulars but a gross estimate of the most essential articles; and it is *necessary* I should have them by tomorrow night. Your letter will find me then at West Point. I beg you will not fail. I shall be glad also to be informed whether the ordnance has been removed, if it has, to what place; if it has not I would have the twelve pounders detained. I am, etc.

P.S. Besides furnishing the estimates, I wish you to inform me as nearly as you can the number of Waggon, that would be necessary, to remove the whole.³

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² Colonel Hay was then at Fishkill, N. Y.

³ The draft is in the writing of Alexander Hamilton. The P.S. is in the writing of Richard Kidder Meade.